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SUBJECT: UNOSC/SCI AND TECH SUBCOMMITTEE-MILITARY USES OF SPACE

- 1. IN ITS OPENING STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE FEBRUARY 14, JAPANESE SAID QUOTE THE RECENT(COSMOS 954) INCIDENT PROVIDES US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN GIVING COMPREHENSIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF THE SAFETY OF SATELLITES EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES AND TO CERTAIN OTHER ASPECTS OF THE USES OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING MEASURES TO PROHIBIT THE LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES OR DESIGNED FOR USE AS DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS. END QTE. THE CONCLUDING PHRASE IS THE ONLY MENTION MADE BY THE JAPANESE OF MILITARY USES OF SPACE.
- 2. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND MEXICO PICKED UP THIS POINT AND ELABORATED ON IT AS DESCRIBED IN USUN 573. ALTHOUGH USSR CALLED DISCUSSION OF MILITARY USES OF SATELLITES QUOTE IRRESPONSIBLE UNQUOTE, US DEL CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS NOT ADDRESSED THE QUESTION.

3. IF, IN THE COURSE OF PREPARING FINAL REPORT OF SESSION, DELEGATES INSIST ON SOME REFLECTION OF MILITARY USES DISCUSSION, US DEL PROPOSES TO REMAIN SILENT UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE. THERE WILL ONLY BE EXPRESSIONS OF THE VIEWS OF QUOTE SOME DELEGATION UN-

QUOTE, BECAUSE UNDER CONSENSUS PROCEDURE NEITHER SOVS NOR US DEL WILL PERMIT ANY EXPRESSION OF A VIEW OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER. YOUNG

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